



**GREENING CHANDIGARH ACTION PLAN 2013-2014
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

CHAPTER III

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TARGETS, ACHIEVEMENTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Chandigarh Administration reiterates its commitment towards greener and cleaner Chandigarh by preparing and executing 'Greening Chandigarh Action Plans' on annual basis Since 2001. All greening agencies and citizens of Chandigarh had put in hard work to make these Plans a success. The hard work supplemented by sustained campaign and much needed technical inputs have yielded commendable results.

During the year 2012-13 Forest department have achieved more than 100% plantation targets. During the year 64,500 nos. of saplings, 3.0 lac no. of patch-sowing (seed sowing), 50,000 no. of stem cuttings of Arundo-donax (a Soil Binder Plant) were planted as per details given in Table-1.

It will not be out of place to mention that the agencies namely Forest Department, Municipal Corporation, Engineering Department, Punjab Agriculture University-Chandigarh, NGO's, Resident Welfare Associations, Educational Institutions and above all, the strong will and farsightedness of the Administration contributed a lot towards the success of this programme. The contribution, dedication and genuine concern of the proud citizens of the 'City Beautiful' to make the city greener needs special mention. Encouraged by the previous year's results, the Forest Department in collaboration with Municipal Corporation and Engineering . Department further chalked out a programme to continue the efforts with the renewed zeal during 2013-14. An exhaustive and comprehensive plantation plan for the year 2013-14 has been prepared.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm"



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Achievement*of Plantations raised during 2012-13(Table-1)

S. N.	Department/ Organization	No. of Saplings		No. of stem cuttings of Arundo-Donax & Ipomea plants		No. of patch-sowing (seed sowing)	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
A) 1.	Forest Department	60,000	64,500	50,000	50,000	3,00,000	3,00,000
2.	Municipal Corporation	52,528	53,098	-	-	-	-
3.	Engineering Department	35,350	24,445	-	-	-	-
B) 1.	Free distribution of saplings by Forest Department to Educational Institutions, Religious Institutions, NGO's etc	35,000	27,182	-	-	-	-
B) 2.	Distribution/ selling of saplings by Hort.Wing of Municipal Corpn. and Engg. Deptt.	25,000	17,154	-	-	-	-
	Total:	2,07,878	1,86,379	50,000	50,000	3,00,000	3,00,000

*Achievements up to 31st January, 2013

"Result count-not long hours of effort"



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Plantation and other Achievements during 2012-13:

Celebration of Vanmahotsava 2012:

Vanmahotsava 2012 was celebrated in a befitting manner by all the Greening Agencies during the month of July-August. Department of Forests & Wildlife organized various plantation programmes/days to mark the event and to sensitize the masses for protection and conservation of trees. Following activities were organized by the department during Vanmahotsava 2012:-

1. **Paudhmela:** To sensitize the public for plantation on one hand & to provide them a common place to collect saplings of various tree species & medicinal & herbal plants, a Paudhmela was organized by Department of Forests & Wildlife in collaboration with Horticulture wings of Engineering Department & Municipal Corporation during 12th to 14th July, 2012 at Parking area near Sukhna Lake Club. An overwhelming response was received from the citizens of Chandigarh & the Paudhmela became a successful event for the launch of Vanmahotsava 2012.

A Ceremonial plantation of Vanmahotsava 2012 was organized in the Sukhna Choe Reserve Forest Area near Sector 26. Worthy Advisor to the Administrator, UT Chandigarh were the Chief Guest of the occasion. Different stakeholders involved were Forest Department, Other departments of Chandigarh Administration, Municipal Corporation, School students, NSS Volunteers, NGOs, RWAs, Media etc.

“Plant, a Tree for Peace”



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2. Eco-Club Day: To generate awareness among the school students massive plantation drive was carried out by Forest Department in collaboration with the Eco-Clubs. 'Eco Club Day' was celebrated on 16th July, 2012 in Govt High School, Sec -53 (Smart School). Sh. V.K. Singh, IAS, Finance Secretary-cum-Secretary Education was the Chief Guest. He planted the sapling of 'Amaltas'.

The overall objective of celebrating the 'Eco Club Day' was to sensitize the masses especially school children to generate awareness for protection and conservation of flora & fauna and to increase the green cover of the Chandigarh. The Eco Club Day was celebrated all across Chandigarh by all Eco clubs.

3. NGO Day: A large number of Non-Governmental Organizations are registered with the Department under Partnership Initiative Programme. All the registered NGOs were requested to take up plantation in their respective areas during the monsoon season. The saplings were distributed by the Department of Forests free of cost.

Ceremonial function of NGO Day was organized on 18th July, 2012 at Bal Bhawan. Sh. Anil Kumar, IAS, Home Secretary, U.T. Chandigarh planted a sapling of 'Plumeria' on this occasion. During this day around 50 NGOs/individuals planted more than 1000 saplings within their Sectors/Colonies.



"Environment and Shelter: More Than A Roof"



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Shri K. K. Sharma, IAS, Advisor to Administrator, UT Chandigarh distributing sapling to the citizens of Chandigarh during Paudhmela 2012 at Sukhna lake Club Parking.



Shri K. K. Sharma, IAS, Advisor to Administrator, UT Chandigarh planting a sapling of Pipal tree on the occasion of Vanmahotosava 2012 at Sukhna Reserve Forest near Sector 26.

“Happiness comes from within, it can never come from outside”



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Shri V K. Singh, IAS, Finance Secretary, UT Chandigarh planting a sapling of Amaltas during Eco-Club Day at Govt High School, Sec -53.



Shri D. K. Tiwari, IAS, Secretary Forests & Wildlife, UT Chandigarh distributing Herbal Plants on the occasion of celebration of Herbal Day at in Government Model Sr.Sec. School, Sec.46D.

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Sh. K.K.Sharma, IAS, Advisor to Administrator flagging off the Walk for Nature & Peace at Sukhna Lake during the Launch of Wildlife Week 2012.

“There is nothing we receive with so much reluctance, as advice”



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Shri K. K. Sharma, IAS, Advisor to Administrator, UT Chandigarh flagging off the Nature & Wildlife Trek during celebration of Wildlife Week 2012 in Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.



Shri K. K. Sharma, IAS, Advisor to Administrator, UT Chandigarh releasing the booklet on Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary-at a glance during celebration of Wildlife Week 2012 at Kansal Log Hut.

“When People Put the Environment First, Development Will Last”



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4. Herbal Day: To sensitize all the stakeholders the importance of Medicinal/Herbal Plants in day to day life, Department of Forests celebrated 'Herbal Day' on 19th July, 2012 at Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sec.46D, Chandigarh. Sh.D.K.Tiwari, IAS, Secretary (Environment, Forests & Science & Technology) was the Chief Guest.

On this occasion, he planted sapling of Rudraksh. The overall objective of celebrating the 'Herbal Day' was to sensitize the masses to generate awareness about the medicinal values of various plants available in nature and to make Chandigarh more clean & green city

5. Resident Welfare Association (RWA) Day: To sensitize the RWAs Department of Forests requested them to carry out plantation in their Sectors/Colonies. A ceremonial function was organized on 20th July, 2013.

Wildlife Week 2012

Every year Wildlife week is celebrated during first week of October Month. Wildlife week 2012 was celebrated by organizing a Wildlife Walk at the Sukhna Lake and a Wildlife Trek in Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary. Chief Guest Shri KK Sharma, IAS, Advisor to Administrator, UT Chandigarh flagged off the walk and trek. Approximately 400 people participated in the wildlife trek. A coffee table book on Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary was also released by the Chief Guest on this occasion. The book is informative and highlights the improved scientific management practices of the Wildlife sanctuary, Extension Activities of the department, Ecotourism etc.





"Only One Earth, Care and Share"